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Letters to the Editor

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From Your (spring-ing) Editor:

It's spring in Charleston. The azaleas and dogwood and wisteria are blooming. Truly a magical time to be alive. And it's time to do some spring cleaning like our mothers used to do, put up the woolens, do some gardening, etc. So, in between being domestic and spring-y, we have been working away on this issue of *ATG*. And it's a great one. **Mary Page** is our guest editor for this issue, titled "Electronic Resources Rocked My World. What's Changed and How We Manage." Ain't it the truth? Some very enlightening articles from several different perspectives — public services (**Abigail Bordeaux**), cataloging (**Julia Everett Alligood**), electronic resources (**Anna Creech**), staffing (**Mary Greci**) and publishers (**Adam Chesler**). **Steven Rhind-Tutt** has done his usual controversial "Op Ed" regarding free resources. We have the *ATG* annual survey report, "Back Talk" (repositories) by **Tony**

Ferguson, interviews with **Eileen Fenton (Portico)**, and **Vicky Reich (LOCKSS)**. **Greg Tananbaum** has more on **LOCKSS** and **Portico** as well in his "I Hear the Train A Comin'" on p.84. There's lots to think about in this issue, see **Rick Anderson's** article "Thinking About the Value of Staff Time" and **Mary Massey** has us thinking about "Where Are the Shelves?"

Mark Herring answers the question "What Do Academic Library Deans Do?" while **Bob Nardini** tells us about the 100 chefs that **Google** employs. And **Ned Kraft** has a "Glossary of Terms" that you won't want to miss. Plus there's more!

Well, I just noticed that the caterpillars are trying to eat my azaleas and I have to go talk them out of it! That just won't do.

Happy spring to y'all!

Cheers, Yr. Ed.



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Dear Editor:

In reference to your "From the Reference Desk" column, I'd like to send the following:

Dear Tom,

Just wanted to let you know that I am a fan of your *ATG* column and appreciate your reviews. Especially like your inclusion of opinion about appropriateness of titles for public libraries.

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transition, challenges to copyright, the need to articulate publisher value-added to broader constituencies than in the past. In all these areas STM must make a real difference for its members and for the wider publishing community. I look forward to working with the STM Board, its staff and members to strengthen our ability to respond and proactively to make the case for publishers and publishing." From 1999 until the present, **Mabe** has been Director of Academic Relations for **Elsevier** where he was international academic affairs spokesperson responsible for **Elsevier's** relations and strategy with the international research community, science funding bodies and governmental agencies. **Mabe** was also responsible for the direction of research and relationship programs, and a member of **Elsevier's** copyright committee. Prior to that position, **Mabe** was Publishing Director of **Elsevier's** global materials science program. **Mabe** also worked at **Pergamon Press, Ltd** as both Editorial Director and Senior Publishing Editor in Materials Science and Editorial Manager in the Scientific Encyclopaedia Department. **Mabe** has also held senior positions at the **British Standards Institution** and **Oxford University Press**. **Mabe** graduated as Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Chemistry and as Master of Arts from **St Catherine's College, Oxford University**. **Mabe** also serves as a Director of the Management Committee for the Center for Publishing Studies, University College, London. **Mabe** is also a Visiting Professor in Information Science at **City University** and the **University of Tennessee**. Whew! What great news from one of our **Charleston Conference** Favorites. **Jerry Cowhig** as well! Congratulations, **Michael!**

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Just found out that in April (that's now!) **Jim Vickery** <jim.vickery@bl.uk> took early retirement after over thirty years at the **British Library**, served mostly in collection development and acquisitions roles. **Jim** was Secretary to both the [UK] **National Acquisitions Group** and the **IFLA Section on Acquisition and Collection Development** during the 1980s and 1990s, and a key aim during his career was to involve all elements of the library supply business in building library collections. **Jim** says he has fond memories of his visits to **Charleston**. And so do we! **Jim** says he is looking forward to pursuing interests outside librarianship when he retires.

Speaking of retirements, guess who I heard from not long ago? **Linda** and **Chet Pletzke** <pletzke@yahoo.com>. **Linda** was at the **Library of Congress** for many years. It's been four years since they moved in to the retirement life. **Linda** says they have a totally new outlook on life. They are going to the opera, symphony, theater, taking long

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